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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD -

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Subject: [REDACTED] Conference, Southeast Asia (Layton).

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At DD/I request I visited [REDACTED] for a briefing on his discussion yesterday with Captain Layton regarding the above subject. [REDACTED] tells me that when the meeting started Captain Layton was quite embarrassed and defensive, in that he had not seen the position paper now held, I believe, by Admiral Espe. Captain Layton told [REDACTED] that he agreed that CIA should not participate in the [REDACTED] Conferences which were primarily military, and in effect

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recommended that the spring conference to be held in Honolulu would be an appropriate time for CIA to withdraw. According to [REDACTED] Layton made no mention during the entire conversation of his desire for intelligence support and had, in fact, indicated that the papers prepared by O/CI and O/RR had not been particularly helpful. (I did not go into this further with [REDACTED] as to specifications). This statement of Layton's is virtually the recommendation of FE in its position paper of 2 January (Tab "A").

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I questioned [REDACTED] as to his opinion regarding the desirability of CIA's studying the agendas prior to the conferences. [REDACTED] feels that from the FI standpoint, this is most desirable in that sensitive matters could be deleted or tabbed. [REDACTED] does not feel that [REDACTED] would want CIA's intelligence comments on the items.

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[REDACTED] states that Captain Layton will not return to the Far East and [REDACTED] does not know the name of the officer who will replace him. He believes that Layton is scheduled for a berth as Naval Attache in Madrid.

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Executive Officer, DD/I

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2- FS memo for record & " " " = [REDACTED] Diary ✓

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